

## Specifications and Standards Reform Workshop

The Specifications and Standards Reform workshop was convened to explore how performance specifications can define the new road-map for modernization. To accomplish this the group sought to answer the following questions regarding Modernization Through Spares issues:

1. Examine the processes used for the conversion of detailed specifications to MIL-PRFs
2. Identify methods to arrive at optimum configuration management and provisioning levels
3. Identify impacts to “requirements flow down” from system to subassembly
4. Identify changes to government/contractor risk relationships and risk management approaches

The approach employed from the beginning of the workshop was to examine the various alternatives utilized by the workshop participants in addressing recent “reform” activities. The following individuals presented material to the workshop attendees:

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| 1. Ken Brockel     | CECOM       | Specifications and Standards Acquisition Reform |
| 2. Jim Heinrich    | facilitator | Workshop objectives and strategy                |
| 3. Morris Fassberg | CECOM       | Specifications and Standards conversion         |
| 4. Jim Morrison    | MICOM       | TRAPS conversion screening model                |
| 5. Giuseppe Sgroi  | CECOM       | Linkage of Initiatives/Mentor-ships             |
| 6. Jeff Garwood    | CECOM       | PPS5/REMBASS                                    |
| 7. Paul Truskowski | CECOM       | Gyro Technology Insertion Project               |
| 8. Andy Lee        | CECOM       | FINDER AN/TPQ 36 & 37                           |

Following Mr. Brockel's opening remarks, the group discussed the topics previously outlined for the workshop, determined out-brief objectives and a strategy to prepare an out-briefing.

The group began by collecting information via the presentation of projects which have successfully employed various reform initiatives and have produced measurable results. Following each of the presentations the work-group discussed the pertinent information revealed, addressed the issues which arise and explored the potential for more universal application within DOD. Each of these exchanges produced a list of team project issues to be worked later in the workshop

After all of the presentations were given, the group then evaluated the information and issues identified previously and agreed on appropriate subjects for team workshop/discussion sessions. Accordingly individuals then chose their Team/subject preference and the work on the subject issues and concerns was begun.

As each team pursued the completion of their assignment, the VE job plan format was employed.

- Information collection and discussion
- Function analysis and classification
- Speculation and brainstorming
- Evaluation, selection and idea refinement
- Presentation and implementation

The teams then compiled their findings into a list of recommendations for successful deployment of Modernization Through Spares, for presentation to the full assembly of the MTS conference on the afternoon of the second day.

The attached presentation (SSARMTS.ppt) was prepared to summarize the findings and recommendations of the work-shop as an out-brief to the total assembly of the MTS conference.

Special thanks are extended to all of the attendees and to Col. Elton Minney, Director of Army acquisition reform; and Mr. Leonard Burke, Director of Open Systems Task Force for their participation and guidance which kept the workshop focused and on track with DOD wide initiatives.

Also attached are selected Project/Program briefing charts presented during the Workshop are attached.

Note: All attachments are in MS PowerPoint 7.0 format